

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

MONDAY, November 19, 2007

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 161

Presented to the Governor on 11–19–2007.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 330

Relating to: use of phrases to describe a private sewage system (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Commerce).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail**.

Senate Bill 331

Relating to: the regulation, preservation, and restoration of historic buildings; the supplement to the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit and the state historic rehabilitation tax credit; requiring the certification of downtowns; promoting certain downtown areas in this state; highway projects involving business and downtown areas; and granting rule-making authority; and making appropriations.

By Senators Lassa, Darling, Erpenbach, Harsdorf, Lehman, Plale, Risser, Roessler, Schultz, Vinehout and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Shilling, Hintz, Sheridan, Vruwink, Richards, Gunderson, Hilgenberg, Soletski, Fields, Vos, Molepske, Zepnick, Pope–Roberts, Jorgensen, Seidel, Boyle, Hixson, Sinicki and Albers.

To committee on **Economic Development**.

Senate Bill 332

Relating to: the filing of certain forms related to tax incremental financing district number 6 in the city of Rhinelander.

By Senator Breske.

To committee on **Tax Fairness and Family Prosperity**.

Senate Bill 333

Relating to: increasing appropriations for nanoscience positions and equipment at the University of Wisconsin–Eau

Claire, the University of Wisconsin–Stout, and Chippewa Valley Technical College.

By Senators Kanavas, Harsdorf, Roessler and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives Murtha, Fields, Moulton, Smith, Musser, LeMahieu, Albers and Strachota.

To committee on **Agriculture and Higher Education**.

Senate Bill 334

Relating to: allocating early stage seed and angel investment credits and excluding early stage seed and angel investment credits from taxable income.

By Senators Kanavas, Darling, Roessler, Olsen and Plale; cosponsored by Representatives Strachota, Kerkman, Townsend, Vos, Kaufert, LeMahieu, Albers, Hahn and Nass.

To committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail**.

Senate Bill 335

Relating to: changing the requirements for the publication of certain actions taken by certain local governments.

By Senators Lassa, Roessler, Lehman, Schultz, Olsen, Kedzie, Grothman, Breske, Plale and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Gottlieb, LeMahieu, Hixson, Hintz, Turner, Hahn, Lothian, Musser, Sheridan, Bies, Parisi, Steinbrink, Roth, Kerkman, Murtha, Owens, Ballweg, Newcomer, A. Ott, Vos, Honadel, Strachota, Petrowski and Mursau.

To committee on **Ethics Reform and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 336

Relating to: membership of the group insurance board.

By Senators Harsdorf, Vinehout, Kapanke and Olsen; cosponsored by Representatives Rhoades, Hraychuck, Musser, Hahn and Murtha.

To committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

November 16, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to s. [15.377\(8\)](#), Wis. Stats., enclosed please find a list of nominees to the Professional Standards Council for Teachers. These individuals were selected based upon organizational recommendations as prescribed in statute. Your confirmation of the appointees is requested.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH BURMASTER

State Superintendent

JUERGENSEN, JAMES, of Mequon, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2010.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Department of Natural Resources

November 15, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

Attached to this letter is the Environmental Improvement Fund Biennial Finance Plan for the 2007–2009 biennium.

Environmental Improvement Fund program legislation (s. [281.59\(3\)](#), Wis. Stats.) requires the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Administration to submit the final version of the Biennial Finance Plan to the Legislature and to the State Building Commission following enactment of the biennial budget. The purpose of the plan is to provide information on loan, loan subsidy, and bonding levels for program operations in the 2005–2007 biennium.

If you have any questions regarding the Biennial Finance Plan, please contact Bob Ramharter at 266–3915 or Frank Hoadley at 266–2305.

Sincerely,

FRANK HOADLEY

Capital Finance Director

Department of Administration

DEBRA K. MARTINELLI

Director, Bureau of Community Financial Assistance,
Department of Natural Resources

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

November 15, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

Attached please find the Department of Administration's contractual service purchasing report for Fiscal Year 2007 pursuant to §[16.705\(8\)](#), Wis. Stats. This report also includes information on cost–benefit analyses produced by state agencies and campuses during FY07. I am pleased to announce positive results that inure to the benefit of state taxpayers.

The State of Wisconsin significantly reduced contracting costs in FY07. Overall contracting decreased from \$489.8

million in FY06 to \$419.6 million in FY07. These results represent a one–year reduction of more than \$70 million, or 14%, and continue a longer–term downward trend in state contracting. Contractual services represented 2.6% of total state operation costs in FY07.

In addition, state government in FY07 fully implemented cost–benefit legislation signed by Governor Doyle in January 2006. Wisconsin Act 89 requires state agencies and campuses to conduct a cost–benefit analysis prior to each proposed contractual service procurement over \$25,000. This report includes a summary of the more than 240 cost–benefit analyses produced during FY07.

These results are consistent with Governor Doyle's directives to make government run more resourcefully. State government will continue to seek ways to reduce costs, eliminate inefficiencies, and create sustainable sources of savings for state and local governments.

If you have questions about this report, please contact James Langdon, Deputy Administrator, DOA Division of Enterprise Operations, at 267–2715.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. MORGAN

Secretary

Referred to joint committee on **Finance**.

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–086

Relating to amusement rides and affecting small business.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, November 14, 2007.

Referred to committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail**,
November 19, 2007.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–066

Relating to hearsay evidence in administrative appeal hearings.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from Agency, November 16, 2007.

Referred to committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, and Housing**, November 19, 2007.